

Committee Meetings

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and staff list.

THE STATE OF THE WORLD: NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the World: National Security Threats and Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESCUING AMERICANS FROM THE FAILED HEALTH CARE LAW AND ADVANCING PATIENT-CENTERED SOLUTIONS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Rescuing Americans from the Failed Health Care Law and Advancing Patient-Centered Solutions”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING MEDICAID AND PRIORITIZING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Strengthening Medicaid and Prioritizing the Most Vulnerable”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR’S EFFORTS TO RESPOND TO CYBERSECURITY THREATS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Electricity Sector’s Efforts to Respond to Cybersecurity Threats”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN THE ‘SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP’—IMPACT OF A U.S.-U.K. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade; and Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, held a joint hearing entitled “Next Steps in the ‘Special Relationship’—Impact of a U.S.-U.K. Free Trade Agreement”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules, oversight plan, and a committee resolution relating to staff hiring. The chair and ranking member agreed to the security policy and travel policy. The chair and ranking

member also announced the subcommittees and member assignments.

EMPOWERING THE INSPECTORS GENERAL

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Empowering the Inspectors General”. Testimony was heard from Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Kathy A. Buller, Executive Chair, Legislation Committee, Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Inspector General, Peace Corps; Scott S. Dahl, Inspector General, Department of Labor; and John Roth, Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security.

FIVE YEARS LATER: A REVIEW OF THE WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Five Years Later: A Review of the Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act”. Testimony was heard from Robert P. Storch, Deputy Inspector General and Whistleblower Ombudsman, Office of Inspector General, Chair, Whistleblower Ombudsman Working Group Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, Department of Justice; Eric Bachman, Deputy Special Counsel for Litigation and Legal Affairs, Office of Special Counsel; and public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held an organizational meeting for the 115th Congress. The committee adopted its rules and its authorization and oversight plan.

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR AMERICA

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Building a 21st Century Infrastructure for America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D82)

H.R. 72, to ensure the Government Accountability Office has adequate access to information. Signed on January 31, 2017. (Public Law 115–3)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 11 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to continue an organizational business meeting to consider committee rules, an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 115th Congress, and the nomination of Scott Pruitt, of Oklahoma, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Mick Mulvaney, of South Carolina, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, business meeting for consideration of the committee oversight plan for 115th Congress, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Helping Students Succeed Through the Power of School Choice”, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Patient Relief from Collapsing Health Markets”, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of NTIA”, 10:45 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, organizational meeting for the 115th Congress, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; and Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, joint hearing entitled “Israel, the Palestinians, and the United Nations: Challenges for the New Administration”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Transportation and Protective Security, hearing entitled “The Future of the Transportation Security Administration”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 732, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2017”; H.R. 720, the “Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2017”; and H.R. 725, the “Innocent Party Protection Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Improving Security and Efficiency at OPM and the National Background Investigations Bureau”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Full Committee, business meeting on the committee’s oversight and authorization plan; and markup on H.R. 396, the “Tax Accountability Act of 2017”; H.R. 194, the “Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017”; H.R. 702, the “Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2017”; H.R. 679, the “Construction Consensus Procurement Improvement Act of 2017”; H.R. 653, the “Federal Intern Protection Act of 2017”; and H.R. 657, the “Follow the Rules Act” (continued), 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.